

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**Call to Order:** Chairwoman Elsie Arntzen, on February 18, 2009 at  
12:00 P.M., in Room 172 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Elsie Arntzen, Chairwoman (R)  
Rep. Arlene Becker (D)  
Rep. Gerald Bennett (R)  
Rep. Tom Berry (R)  
Rep. Robyn Driscoll (D)  
Rep. Bob Ebinger (D)  
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)  
Rep. Pat Ingraham (R)  
Rep. Mike Menahan (D)  
Rep. Scott Reichner (R)  
Rep. Michele Reinhart (D)  
Rep. Gordon Vance (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Betsy Hands, Vice Chairwoman (D)  
Rep. Gary MacLaren, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)  
Rep. Michael More (R)  
Rep. Diane Sands (D)  
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Katie Butcher, Committee Secretary  
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing: None  
Executive Action: HB 420, HB 505, HB 523

00:00:01 Call to order

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 420**

00:02:46 **Motion:** Rep. Reinhart moved that **HB 420 DO PASS.**

00:02:51 **Motion:** Rep. Reinhart moved that **HB 420 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT**(loh38a01)

**Discussion:**

(Rep. Stahl, Rep. Sands, Rep. MacLaren and Rep. Grinde arrived.)

00:04:39 Rep. Ingraham

00:04:51 Rep. Reinhart

00:05:32 Matt Elsaesser, Helena City Commissioner

00:06:30 Rep. Sands

00:06:52 Rep. Reinhart

00:07:30 Rep. Stahl

00:08:32 Rep. Reinhart

00:09:00 Dustin Stewart, Montana Building Industry Association

00:10:29 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.  
Rep. Hands and Rep. More voted by proxy.

00:10:58 **Motion:** Rep. Reinhart moved that **HB 420 DO PASS AS**  
**AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

00:11:13 Rep. Reichner

00:11:31 Rep. Stahl

00:11:40 Rep. Reinhart

00:12:49 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.  
Rep. Hands and Rep. More voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 505**

00:13:10 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Reinhart moved that **HB 505 DO PASS.**  
Motion failed 9-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Becker,  
Rep. Driscoll, Rep. Ebinger, Rep. Grinde, Rep.  
Hamilton, Rep. Hands, Rep. Menahan, Rep. Reinhart, and  
Rep. Sands voting aye. Rep. Hands and Rep. More voted  
by proxy.

00:15:04 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Reinhart moved that **HB 505 BE TABLED.**  
Motion carried 17-1 by voice vote with Rep. Hands  
voting no. Rep. Hands and Rep. More voted by proxy.

00:15:51 Rep. Stahl  
00:17:38 Rep. Reinhart

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 523**

00:18:11 **Motion:** Rep. Reinhart moved that **HB 523 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

00:19:10 Rep. Stahl  
00:21:26 Rep. Menahan  
00:22:21 Rep. Stahl

00:22:33 **Motion:** Rep. Reinhart moved that **HB 523 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT**(loh38a02)

**Discussion:**

00:25:06 Rep. Reichner  
00:25:32 Rep. Reinhart  
00:26:03 Mark Baker; Anderson, Baker and Swanson; Plum Creek  
Timber Industry; Helena, Montana  
00:26:50 Rep. Reichner  
00:26:57 Rep. Reinhart  
00:28:21 Rep. Stahl  
00:29:25 Rep. Reinhart

00:29:34 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.  
Rep. Hands and Rep. More voted by proxy.

00:29:48 **Motion:** Rep. Reinhart moved that **HB 523 DO PASS AS  
AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

00:31:04 Mr. Kolman

00:31:40 **Vote:** Motion failed 4-14 by roll call vote with Rep.  
Hands, Rep. Menahan, Rep. Reinhart, and Rep. Sands  
voting aye. Rep. Hands and Rep. More voted by proxy.

00:32:29 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Reinhart moved that **HB 523 BE TABLED  
AND THE VOTE REVERSED.** Motion carried unanimously by  
voice vote. Rep. Hands and Rep. More voted by proxy.

**ADJOURNMENT**

00:33:13 Adjournment

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Katie Butcher, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT ([loh38aad.pdf](#))**